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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Operations
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Cover

1. I have read your excellent paper on cover. I think it covers the territory well and I am prepared to discuss with you how we get from here to where you want to go. ☐

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2. I am equally interested in what I believe is an entirely different aspect of cover--what we can do for ourselves. It seems to me this includes training of our people, their personal and work habits, administrative procedures both before and after arrival on station, language training, and probably many other miscellaneous items. In short, while I am prepared to go forth like Sir Galahad and charge out against the ☐ problem, I am not anxious to do so until we can truly say that we are doing everything reasonable to protect our cover ourselves. ☐

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